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SECSTATE PASS TO SN/M FROM RD ADDARIO

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SUBJECT: ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT DESTRUCTION OF NARCOTICS

1. ON 22 AUGUST 1977, AT THE INVITATION OF THE ROYAL
THAI GOVERNMENT, RD ADDARIO AND STAFF ATTENDED THE
DESTRUCTION OF NARCOTICS WHICH WERE SEIZED IN THE PAST YEARS
BY THE THAI AUTHORITIES.

2. THE INCINERATION WAS VERY WELL ORGANIZED AND TOOK
PLACE AT THE MILITARY HQS OF THE THAI 11TH INFANTRY
DEPARTMENT. PRIME MINISTER THANIN KRAIVIXIEN PRE-
SIDED OVER THE ACTUAL BURNING. ATTENDEES INCLUDED
VIRTUALLY EVERY HIGH RANKING POLICE OFFICIAL HEADED BY
DIRECTOR GENERAL MONTCHAI PHANKHONGCHUEN AND HIS
DEPUTIES, HIGH RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS, SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S NARCOTIC CONTROL
BOARD, JUDGE PRAMOOK, MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC
COMMUNITY HEADED BY THE U.S. MISSION CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES L'DONOHUE AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS.

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THE NARCOTICS WERE SAMPLE TESTED IN THE PRESENCE
OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED ATTENDEES ATARTING AT 0900
HOURS AND THE ACTUAL INCINERATION TOOK PLACE AT
1130 HOURS. THE DESTRUCTION OF THESE NARCOTIC
DRUGS ENDS MAY MONTHS OF URGING BY THE U.S.
MISSION AND THE BRO. THESE NARCOTICS WERE NO
LONGER NEEDED FOR COURT PROCEEDINGS. PRIME

MINISTER THANIN STATED THAT MORE DESTRUCTIONS
WOULD FOLLOW.

3. THE STATED AMOUNTED OF DRUGS DESTROYED IS AS
FOLLOWS:

283.65 KGS OF HEROIN
900.00 KGS OF MARIHUANA
1007.79 KGS OF OTHER DRUGS INCLUDING BARBITUATES AND AM-
PHETAMINES

4. THIS PUBLIC DESTRUCTION IS CONSIDERED A POSI-
TIVE STEP IN THE RTG'S STATED HARD LINE POSITION
AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

5. PRIME MINISTER THANIN MADE SPECIAL EFFORT TO
SPEAK BOTH WITH CHARGE AND ADDARIO INDICATING HIS
DETERMINATIN TO PRESS FORWARD ON NARCOTICS PROBLEM.
BOTH EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE STRONG
STANCE RTG HAS TAKEN AGAINST DRUGS. TRAFFICKING.
DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT BY DEA ONLY.
O'DONOHUE

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